



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	Child care services provided in health clubs, bowling alleys, etc. when the service is provided without cost for the parents while parents are patronizing the facility		
Code Section(s)			
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Are child care facilities located in a health club, bowling alley or similar business establishment where the service is provided without cost to the parents while the parents are patronizing the facility required to be classified as a separate and distinct occupancy?

1. Businesses such as health clubs and bowling alleys that provide child care or “baby-sitting” services for their customers are exempt from classification as separate and distinct occupancies. They are also exempt from the requirements for day-cares provided they comply with the following:

2. The area where the child care service is provided complies with the minimum requirements for the main occupancy, and is included in the maximum 25% exception for “administrative and clerical offices and similar rooms”.

3. The parents or legal guardians remain at the facility the entire time for which the children are being cared.

4. The child care services provided do not meet the licensure requirements of the Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing Division.